

Application No. 10/826,754  
Amendment dated January 10, 2005  
Reply to Office action of December 10, 2004

**REMARKS:****Status Of Claims**

Claims 1-9 were previously pending. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 3-5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1, 2, and 6-9 are currently pending in the application with claims 1 and 7 being independent.

**Office Action**

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-9 are allowed. Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this regard, claim 1 now includes the limitations of previously pending claim 5. Thus, claim 1 is now essentially claim 5 rewritten in independent form, and therefore also allowable.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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